

We Hold Our Hope

It seems somehow incongruous for a world so torn with hatred and jealousy as ours to prepare again for the celebration of the anniversary of peace on earth and good will toward men. Christmas does not seem to fit into the modern pattern of right by force and rule by fear. Christ seems out of place among atomic bombs and death in foxholes. Religion seems to take on an air of wishful thinking when held up against the savage brutality of war.

These thoughts are not so uncommon even on Christian campuses as they might seem at first. Do we not often doubt the wisdom of believing in the strength of an ideal rather than in the evident force of arms and armies?

We cannot but feel ineffective in the face of the enormous tidal wave of overheated emotion that is sweeping the world. And we cannot but raise the question, "Is God really concerned, is he really almighty, is he really there?"

There is, of course, no test-tube proof. No proof which the rational scientist would accept as valid. There is little more than words in a Book, and belief in the hearts of men. Little more than that, compared to the crushing, overwhelming, "scientific" evidence of tanks, planes and torn bodies.

Yet there is a singular strength in religion—hope. Perhaps that is what we emphasize during these bleak and threatening times. There is hope in a world thirsty for relief from the nightmare of three consecutive world wars. There is hope for us who are satiated with blood, dumb with fear and distorted with hatred.

Without that hope, the choice is one between suicide or insanity. With that hope, there is purpose in life, purpose even in this bloody struggle. There is the certainty that sometime men will be brothers.

Only when we cling to that faith, only on the foundation of that belief, can we stand while a civilization totters and crumbles around us. No matter how dark the sky overhead, there is a streak of gold, a promise of sunshine, on the horizon. Love can be pushed into the background; it can be reviled; it can be almost hidden, but it can never be entirely eclipsed.

Hope in the hearts of men is stronger than fear.

POLITICAL PAGEANT

By Wayne Sturme

Where Are Our Ethics?

The United States, out-fought in war and out-thought in diplomacy, is now in one of the most precarious predicaments in its history. In addition to its reverses abroad, its prestige, even among its allies, is dropping lower than any it has known in its history. Its citizens distrust their leaders, and these men in turn find convenient scapegoats in other government officials. A continuous cycle of recrimination and hopelessness is the only result of this monstrous pettiness.

It is time that we, the people of this nation, ask ourselves whether we should bear any of the blame for the present state of things. I believe, without a doubt, that the American citizenry is in a large measure responsible for the prevailing chaos in thought and action. Just as firmly, I hold that if these basic errors will be remedied by the American people themselves, then we shall have little to fear from international communism, either as a disrupting or as a devastating force.

For a long time we have closed our minds to the promptings and prebings of our moral natures, and have allowed our consciences to degenerate and die in their neglect. This may explain why we have let tainted men hold offices of high public trust. This may show why we have glossed over errors in judgment, policy and leadership—merely because we might have stood to benefit in some slight material way. Our phlegmatic and right-deadened consciences have not posed us into action against the evils which have been found lodging in men and institutions.

Compromise, we will all agree, is essential in a democracy. Today, however, this word is but another symptom of our national disease, for it symbolizes a waxy transaction between selfish interest groups with no common purpose, a minimum of obligation, a maximum of benefits and a minimum of responsibility. Compromise was once an honorable and honest attempt on the part of principled leaders to arrive at a solution that would be of once just and equal in its effects, thus benefiting the nation as a whole.

However, the most tragic fact of all in our nation is the devitalization of our faith in God. Christian ideals fired the imaginations of a thousand young Americans. Christian principles formed the basis for much of our enlightened attitude toward social problems; Christian aspirations inspired many in their search for truth. Now that is slipping away from us. Now, by a diminishing interest in the life goals and eternal values which Christianity offers us, we are cutting ourselves off from the inspiration of our whole civilization.

Yet if we are to fully free peoples around us in the battle day soon approaching, we must purge ourselves of the weaknesses which are leading to our decay and decline. A strengthened and unyielding moral fiber, a devotion to our fundamental principles of justice and freedom and an awakened and militant faith in God, these will lead us out of the swamps of indecision and distrust and up to the firm ground of Christian and democratic action.

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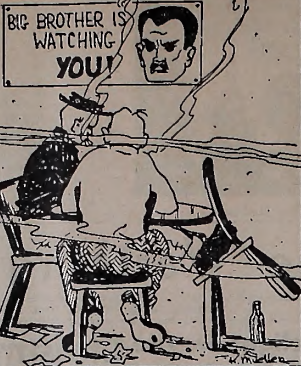
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Etiquette By Police Methods?



Catholic Doctrines Discussed By Priest At Sunday Meeting

By Don Groskreutz

For the second time in the history of the organization, last Sunday afternoon, a member of the Catholic hierarchy, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo A. Jaeger, addressed Chi Rho, society of pre-theological students.

Tastor of St. John's Catholic church of Waterloo, the speaker confined his initial address to an explanation of the workings and principles of the Catholic hierarchical government. In a discussion period he answered a battery of divers questions from the pre-theological students.

"Authority Traditional!" "The discipline which the power of ruling over the organized Christian church on earth by virtue of the authority vested in them by Christ," said the Rt. Rev. Jaeger, "and, according to Catholic belief, this authority has been passed down through the ages to the governing body of the universal Christian church in the form of the Catholic hierarchy."

Impact of that statement later became more fully apparent when, in the discussion period, the speaker stated that the pope is not only the infallible spiritual head of all the members of the Catholic church, but also nominally the ruler of all Christians who have been baptized into faith in Christ.

Pope Holds 3 Powers.

In the office of the papacy, according to the speaker, is contained the power of promulgation of doctrine, of deposition of any lower members of the Catholic governmental system and of excommunication.

Stating that the pope is the temporal ruler of only the Vatican, the Rt. Rev. Jaeger further said that the pope is held by Catholic belief to be the absolute and infallible ruler of the Catholic church, but only in spiritual matters.

"The Catholic Authority," said the speaker, "owes absolutely no temporal allegiance whatsoever to the pope."

Bishop Rules Diocese

In turning to the function of the bishops in the Catholic church, the speaker stated that the bishop has no powers in his own diocese except those vested in him by the supreme authority of the church—its doctrine and papacy. Under this authority, however, the role of the bishop in his diocese is absolute in spiritual matters.

In the discussion period the speaker supplied definite answers to several concrete questions. To the question "Does the Catholic church prohibit or discourage the reading of the Bible by laymen?" the Catholic authority replied, "Certainly not; indeed, the Catholic church is constantly encouraging its laymen to read the Bible, even to the extent of issuing special spiritual favors to those who read it."

This latter brought up the question, "Of just what do those spe-

cial spiritual favors you mentioned consist?"

Discusses Indulgences.

"That brings us," said the speaker, evidently thinking of the Reformation, "to the admittedly touchy subject of indulgences."

That some individual officials in the Catholic church either sanctioned wrong practices or taught wrong teachings in regard to indulgences we don't deny. But the Catholic system of indulgences today can be logically explained and defended." The speaker, however, did not explain doctors' system.

In answer to a question about the Catholic attitude toward the lodge, Mr. Jaeger, taking the Masonic lodge as an example, said, "We do not believe that any Catholic can rightly be a member of this lodge because it is an example of religious rationalism and contradicts any such supernatural religion as Catholicism."

From The Cub Pack

WANT TO DO your good deed for the day? Then why not park your car somewhere else than by the steps along the curb in front of the White House?

ALTHOUGH VARIOUS STUDENTS congratulated Wartburg Players on their SPREADING performance of "The Christmas Carol," apparently no one crossed the traditional palm with silver!



Christmas isn't Christmas these days without flowers—lots of them—all over the house. A poinsettia for the piano or the picture window . . . a bowl of camellias for the table . . . a centerpiece beaming festivity and informality from mental buffet and bannister . . . red greens and gold, reds, pinks, dominants, but accent the scheme with yellows, whites, blues, silver and pastel shades . . .

WRIGHT'S GREENHOUSE



And so it gives soon a season Yule enjoy. Aside from the special blessing of Christmas and the comforting reunions with the family, there's a practical side to vacation. It gives us a chance to catch up on back assignments, projects, term papers and stuff. And then, of course, there's work. We planning to help finish the installation of the inside plumbing—prosperity has come to the old homestead!

My old buddy, Russ (Spokane) has written (from a letter) that the Governor and Chief of State of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who is currently stationed at Wartburg, has found a way to catch up on the backlog of the year-end set in his position as Santa Claus in the department.

A new feature on campus these days is Mrs. Grube's Swap Shoppe. You can either trade milk or butter for milk. Good old Mrs. Grube has two facets for releasing her products upon the market. The good done of the Daily Dispensary of Dietetic Dainties might well add goats milk to the menu for hypochondriacs like me.

Clarence Brunings was certainly a "cool shoul" in the recent play "A Christmas Carol." First time I've seen a ghost come offstage chewing gum.

To those occasional kindly old souls who complain that "you just can't get anything out of the young folks nowadays," I have only this to say . . . I raise my hat to the marines and army troops of the 10th Corps who went 50 miles on guts and sheer determination. They boarded ship today (Wed.) to go somewhere for Christmas—not home!

Jim Ullom wishes it to be known generally that he is available for picnics, outings, canoe rides, etc. He just bought a "cok-aley."

Dick Phillips says he's heard of folks who work hard and prosper, and be doesn't know whether he can survive this pleasant beginning of the year. This very successful BB season. This business of winning makes the blood race and the heart pound!

Chuck Lutz tried to play number 12 on the Dan Juke box; he didn't get 12 . . . but the machine played number 6 twice!

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Cagers Set To Roll In Vacation Tourney

By Chuck Lutz

Pairings were released last week for first-round activity in the second annual Wartburg invitational basketball tournament, to be held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29 and 30, in the Knights gymnasium.

Once more, four Lutheran schools will be represented, Luther replacing St. Olaf as Augustus, Augsburg and Wartburg return for their second appearance. Luther meets Augustana of Rock Island and host Wartburg plays Augsburg in the opening round, the first game starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Trophies will be won by Consolation and championship finals are scheduled for Saturday, starting at 7:30 p.m. Following the championship title, trophies sponsored by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York will be presented to the first place and runner-up teams.

Augsburg took home the marbles last year, defeating St. Olaf, 49-42. The Knights finished an unimpressive fourth after dropping a close consolation scrap with Augustana, 37-33. Wartburg lost its first-round encounter to the championship Augsburg outfit, 51-40.

Wartburg promises to be more of a threat, however, in this year's holiday classic before last Wednesday's game with Winona Teachers, the Orange and Black was riding high with an average of 73 points per game.

Should they have a couple of hot nights, the tourney, the Axmen will be the team to beat. Averaging close to 40 percent from the field, the Knights won the first three decisively, then dropped to a Friday 19 percent in losing to Winona, 65-58.

Luther Also Tough. Luther, second Iowa conference entry, is serving notice that it may be tough as the newcomer in the meet. The Norse have downed Augsburg and St. Olaf in early season warmups, beating the Olees by a score similar to that of Wartburg's triumph over the same team. Wartburg and Luther are not scheduled to meet until conference competition begins following vacation.

Wartburg meets two more out-of-state squads before the holiday meet, both contests on the home floor. Eau Claire and Plattville, two Wisconsin teachers schools which beat the Knights in close games last year, will journey to Waverly before vacation begins. Eau Claire is here tonight, and the Knights will meet them in pre-conference activity when they face Plattville.

GH III-North Hall Tilt Highlights Intramurals As Cavaliers Roll On

By Wayne Koetz

Highlighting Tuesday night's intramural encounters in the American League was the game between Grossmann III and North Hall, traditional rivals. Grossmann proved the victor, however, in a 24-18 score. The third floor Cavaliers seem to be out to extend their win streak from football to basketball.

In the National League, a tight race seems to be developing early in the season between North Hall and Northwest (ND), who as yet are undefeated with three wins apiece.

American League	W	L
Grossmann III	3	0
North Hall	1	1
Grossmann I	1	1
Grossmann II	1	2
Northwest	7	2
Trailers	0	2
Trailers camp	1	1

National League	W	L
Grossmann III (ND)	3	0
Northwest (ND)	3	0
Grossmann I	1	1
Grossmann III (ND)	1	2
North Hall	1	1
Northwest (ND)	2	2
American	0	3
Trailers	0	3

Knights Lose, 65-59 As Winona Clicks To End Win Streak

Winona Teachers handed the Knight cagers their first setback of the season Wednesday night as the Minnesota school took a 85-59 "second half" victory.

Wartburg trailed by only one point at intermission 29-28, but folded up in the last period to end a three-game winning string.

It was a seasaw affair in the first half, as the lead changed hands no less than seven times in those first 20 minutes. With 30 seconds remaining in the period the Knights grabbed the lead at 28-27 on buckets by Bob Campbell and Harold Steinhauer, but a desperation shot by a Winona guard as the horn sounded dropped in and gave the Orange and Black a one-point deficit at halftime.

The hosts rushed away to a six-point advantage as the last period began and the best the Knights could do after that was match them point for point. At one time the losers fell behind 42-28, 63-51, late in the game, but staged a brief rally in the closing minutes to cut that gap to five points before time ran out on them.

Paul Olson paced all scorers from his pivot post as he counted 15 points. Campbell added 10 points to the Wartburg total on five field goals, four in the last period. John Kurtz added the first half cause with seven points.

Wartburg (59) fg ft rtm p	12 18
1. Kurtz	2 2 2 0
2. Miller	1 2 2 3 4
3. Olson	5 5 1 3 15
4. Bostrack	4 2 1 2 10
5. Adix	1 4 2 3 3
6. Campbell	5 0 1 4 10
7. Steinhauer	2 3 9
8. Steinhauer	1 2 0 1 4
9. H. Steinhauer	1 0 0 0 0
10. Rudy	0 0 0 0 0
11. Lengero	0 0 0 0 0
c Totals:	21 17 15 25 69
6. Winona (65) fg ft rtm p	24 32 20 25
7. Winona	12 12 20 25
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Game at halftime: Wartburg 28, Winona 29.

Grapplers Drop First At Mankato, 22-6, As Wilharm Brothers Score Only Wins

By Fred Moborg

Bostrack Awarded 'Athlete' Honors For Cage Artistry

By Ronald Schumacher

Latest addition to Wartburg's honor roll of athletes is short, stocky Jack Bostrack, sophomore, who was nominated Athlete-of-the-Week for his showing in the cage encounters with St. Olaf and Nebraska Wesleyan.

Bostrack, who comes from Stoughton, Wis., led the Knight hardcourters with 13 points in the rout of the Olees up at Northfield and contributed 10 points to the 70-50 win over the Wesleyan school. He uses a one-banded shot to good advantage in spite of his short (5-foot, 9-inch) stature.

Credits Teammates. Aggressive, ballhawking and fast, he nevertheless credits his teammates for helping him in to the limelight. "If I looked good in those games, it was the line passing of the other fellows that did it," he states.

Secret hobby. Bostrack of this allround athlete is drawing. He's acquired quite a knack for it. Hunting is his other favorite pastime.

Pet Peeve—Misspellings.

He does, however, have a pet peeve—the constant misspelling of his name when statistics are printed in newspapers. The press has labeled him Jim Bastrack, John Barnstock and Frank Bostrack.

Jack is a biology major and would like to work in reforestation projects after graduating from college. At the present, however, basketball is taking most of his time and effort.

Wartburg grapplers dropped the opening wrestling encounter last night as the Mankato Teachers racked up an impressive 22-6 victory on their home floor.

Wilharm brothers, Lyle and Red, were the only winners for the Knight squad. Lyle made his first appearance in team competition for Wartburg and defeated his Mankato opponent by an 8-6 count. Red, 1950 Iowa conference champion, also edged out an 8-5 decision.

Wolgfram Thrown. Surprising incident result of the evening was the full setback against Howie Wolgfram. Howie has been the mainstay of the team for three years with conference championships as many times. Last week, he took the AAU title in the invitational tourney at Cedar Falls.

Fred Downing, 123-pound grappler, Joe Baumgartner, former conference winner and present 14-pound wrestler, and Otto Zwaniger, heavyweight, lost by decisions to the Mankato hosts.

Losses Decision. Ed Wolgfram made a notable showing in his first cage for the Knight team. He battled to a 2-2 tie but lost the decision because of riding time. Ed is another member of Wartburg's two brother combinations.

In one of the final matches of the evening, lucky Howie Boeg, 177-pound wrestler, fell into a pin hold after 4 minutes and 28 seconds. Howie is another Wartburg man who made his first appearance in team competition last night.

Final results for the evening were as follows:

- 122—Nelson (M) decision
- 126—W. Wilharm (W) decision
- 132—W. Wilharm (W) decision
- 137—L. Wilharm (W) decision
- 142—Hulcamp (M) decision
- 147—Baumgartner (W) 11-4
- 157—Penman (M) decision
- 167—Pineda (M) pinned
- 172—Boeg (W) 5-0
- 177—Boeg (M) pinned
- 187—Voelets (M) decision
- 197—Zwaniger (W) 6-1



With Freddie

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